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1. The Miskolc military prison is on Szeles-ut in a former barracks. The former college nearby has also been altered to serve as a prison. There are currently about 400 prisoners in the two buildings. The chief warden is Capt. Vereb. His deputy is Staff Sergeant Gross.
2. The cell rooms are about 12 by 8 m. and currently hold 40 prisoners. Prisoners charged with desertion or war crimes are assigned to special cells which hold 8 to 10 men. Each prisoner has a plank bed and one cover. The daily ration is 300 grams of bread, with slightly sweetened coffee for breakfast; soup and a vegetable at noon, soup or a vegetable in the evening. On Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays there are also 60 to 80 grams of meat.
3. The Győr County prison is near the railroad station, a four-story building which also holds the court. It is intended to hold 500 persons, but usually there are 900 to 1000. The cells are of various sizes. Only about half the prisoners have beds with sacks of straw.
4. There are about 3,000 prisoners in the Csillag prison of Szeged, 60 percent of them peasants or agricultural laborers sentenced for sabotage. The chief warden is Major Antal Badányi. His deputy is AVH Capt. Ferenc Barna. The guard force, 250 men strong, is under Lt. János Francia. The prison shop is under Sergeant Lajos Balogh. Lt. József Ábrahám has charge of the correctional section.
5. The prisoners are treated with extraordinary severity and condemned to dark cells or placed in irons for the slightest infractions. They have straw sacks, but insufficient covering and there is no heat in winter. Exercise in the prison courtyard usually lasts only fifteen minutes. Prisoners condemned to less than five years are allowed to write a letter of not over 33 lines once in three months, and may receive a five minute visit once in three months. Prisoners with five year sentences and over have the same privileges once in six months.

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